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SUBJECT: EURO GROUP MEETING

1. DEFENSE SECRETARY MASON WILL BE HOSTING HIS FIRST EURO GROUP MEETING IN LONDON NEXT WEEK. THE BRITISH HAVE MOVED FORWARD THE MAY 7 GATHERING FROM THE USUAL DPC TIME FRAME SO THAT INITIATIVES CAN BE TAKEN WITH A VIEW TO BEING ABLE TO PRESENT FULLY STAFFED AND AGREED POSITIONS TO THE DPC IN BRUSSELS AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

2. AGENDA, AS USUAL, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS: THE FIRST INCLUDES REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS ON ONGOING PROGRAMS

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(E.G. TRAINING, MEDICINE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCUREMENT)

VIEWS OF HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE THAT HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO SCOPE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SUB-GROUP, AND DISCUSSION OF MOU SETTING FORTH PRINCIPLES FOR LOGISTIC COOPERATION; REMAINDER OF MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ISSUES FACING ALLIANCE AND ROLES EURO GROUP CAN PLAY IN ADDRESSING THEM.

3. IN LATTER CONTEXT, WE UNDERSTAND BRITISH WILL BE TABLING COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT/STANDARDIZATION PROPOSAL ALONG LINES SET FORTH IN CALLAGHAN STUDY (STATE 40510) THAT THEY HOPE TO PUT TO U.S. AND CANADA BEFORE OR AT DPC. BRITISH PROPOSAL REPORTEDLY WILL INCLUDE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR STANDARDIZATION AND DOLLAR TARGET FOR CROSS-ATLANTIC PROCUREMENT, TOGETHER WITH LIST OF MILITARY ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE PURCHASE BY U.S. IN EUROPE.
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